

HOUSE BILL 503

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-316, relative to nonemergency use of 911.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-316, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (b) and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Contacting 911 for some purpose other than to report an emergency or an event that the person contacting 911 reasonably believes to be an emergency is a Class C misdemeanor.

(b)

(1) Aggravated nonemergency contact of 911 is contacting 911 as described in subsection (a) where:

(A) An individual makes nonemergency contact to 911 in an offensively repetitious manner;

(B) The nonemergency contact of 911 creates a delay in the response to an emergency; or

(C) The nonemergency contact of 911 results in harm to person or property.

(2) An aggravated nonemergency contact of 911 is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.